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Torrance, California
September 11, 1951

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, September 11, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to Our Flag.

Mayor Haggard announced the hearing on the petition of Longren Aircraft Company to expand and improve its plant would be postponed to the next regular meeting of the Council as all the plans and specifications had not as yet been submitted for study by the Council.

As first order of business, Councilman Karlow moved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28th be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the public hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 216, the vacation of the alley at the rear of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 120, Tract No. 2381 and Lot 1, Block 121, Tract No. 2807. There being no communications, written or oral, Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed and the petition for the vacation of the alley granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Petition signed by 15 property owners urging immediate attention to the poor drainage facilities at the intersection of Sartori Avenue and Arlington Avenue. Councilman Karlow moved the petition be referred to the City Engineer for investigation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Salvation Army (held over from last meeting) requesting permission to operate a Salvage Depot at 1610 Cabrillo Avenue. Clerk Bartlett advised the Council the request had the approval of the Chief of Police. Councilman Karlow moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked that, in the future, all department heads make their report on matters referred to them in writing, rather than by oral communication.

Letter from Charlton A. Mewborn, attorney, requesting the Council to reconsider its action in denying the variance requested by H. D. Walsh for the operation of a goat dairy at 3709 190th Street and setting forth his reasons for requesting reconsideration. There being some question as to whether the City's ordinance requires a four-fifths vote of the Council to override the Planning Commission, or a simple majority, Councilman Drale moved action be deferred until after recess. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Recommendations of the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Earl E. Brookes be appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Man, effective September 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification.
2. That Oral E. Hunter be appointed to serve his probationary period as Bus Operator, effective September 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification.
3. That George K. Clemens be appointed to serve his probationary period as Laborer in the Street Department, effective September 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification.
4. That Leon Francois be temporarily employed, pending a Civil Service examination, as Bus Attendant, effective September 6, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Don A. Wren Company for purchase of steel broom material for Street Sweeper, the sum of \$506.91.
2. To Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company for purchase of glass beads for traffic line striping, the sum of \$330.00.
3. That the contract with the B.F. Goodrich Company, for rental of bus tires, be renewed for the period October 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952, at the reduced rate of \$.0115 for all tire sizes used.

Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Otis W. Sawyer protesting the Planning Commission's approval of the application of Longren Aircraft Company to expand, and urging the Council to deny the petition. Councilman Spelman moved the letter be filed as a matter of record.

Letter bearing 43 signatures protesting approval of the application of Longren Aircraft Company to expand; Petition bearing 27 signatures protesting approval of the application of Longren Aircraft Company to expand. Councilman Spelman moved the communications be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale asked that the record indicate that this is the first time the Council has ever postponed a hearing of this type, although he appreciated the fact that the Council was trying to get all the facts.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Haggard declared a short recess. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Clerk Bartlett asked what disposition was to be made of the communication from Mr. Mewborn relative to the goat dairy. Councilman Karlow moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the application of Longren Aircraft Company to expand and improve its facilities, upon certain conditions. Councilman Draie moved the communication be filed, with the others, for study and action at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from City Engineer Joseph advising the Planning Commission recommended approval of Tract Map No. 17371, upon certain conditions. The City Manager suggested that, as a fifth condition, the Council's approval be further subject to the installation of a satisfactory water system. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the City Engineer, subject to the conditions set forth by the Commission and the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Letter from the Torrance Unified School District calling attention to the need for shoulder improvements on 190th St. between Arlington and Crenshaw and on Crenshaw from 190th to the new Crenshaw school. Councilman Draie moved the communication be referred to the Traffic Commission for study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Proclamation declaring the week of September 23rd through 29th as "Business and Professional Women's Week". Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 15757; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Draie, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Blount. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, following a brief resume of the reasons for the vacation by the City Manager, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 572

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE #446.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draie, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 572 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draie, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACTS 2381 AND 2807.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Karlow moved

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for the adoption of Ordinance No. 573 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by the roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager write Santa Fe Railway Company in an effort to have the area along the Madrid Avenue tracks cleaned up. City Manager Stevens advised he had written Santa Fe last week, and that as the area outside the fence was the City's obligation, the Street Department would clean it up right away. Motion withdrawn.

Councilman Drale then asked the City Manager if he had received any communication from the County on a proposed storm drain along Western Avenue. Mr. Stevens replied that the project was one of many proposed in a \$14,000,000 bond issue and that the Engineering Office was working on something to obtain some of the benefits for Torrance.

Mr. Joseph, the City Engineer, reported that negotiations were progressing nicely relative to the storm drain in the area surrounding Fern Avenue and El Dorado, and that by the next regular meeting, there would be something definite for the Council to work on.

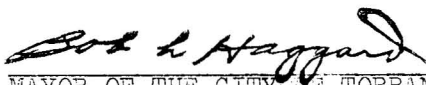
Mr. Jack White, of 4308 West 178th Place, asked if the City had any plans for converting the sump, near 180th and Amie, into a park, as had been told to many of the residents by the builder. Mr. Stevens stated that there were no such plans -- that it would probably be a drainage sump for some time -- that it might be used as a playground, with trees, etc., but that it could not be sodded as that would prohibit drainage.

There being no further business, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited by paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:04 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved meeting be adjourned to September 19th at 8:00 p.m. Upon inquiry by Councilman Drale, City Manager Stevens explained that it was hoped the petitions on the water bond issue would be in by that time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE